

## 2009 Three-Star Exemption Request - Planning and Infrastructure

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## Policy:

For the purposes of the 2009 Tennessee Three-Star program certification, certain cities may be eligible for exemption from meeting the Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark II and/or III requirements.

- a) Any municipality with three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or less in gross revenues for all funds, including utilities, in the immediately preceding fiscal year may be exempt from meeting Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark II in the Three-Star program.
- b) Any municipality with one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less in gross revenues for all funds, including utilities, in the immediately preceding fiscal year may be exempt from meeting Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark III in the Three-Star program.

The list of eligible municipalities will be provided and maintained by Municipal Technical Advisory Services (MTAS) and based on their information for compliance to Municipal Finance Officer Certification and Education Act of 2007, TN code annotated 6-56-402 and is available through your Regional Economic Development Specialist.

Cities feeling the information is incorrect may submit an audited report of municipal revenues for review.

\*\* Those cities opting for the Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark II or III exemption will not be eligible for incentives higher than their own Benchmark certification status (excluding CDBG grants and loans) regardless of overall local program certification.

\*\* An official request for exemption may made by completing the 2009 Exemption Form and submitting to your Specialist before June 1, 2009.

## Request:

Please accept this as formal request for 2009 exemption from the Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark II/III requirements. I have read the above exemption policy and understand that by exercising this exemption, the city will not be eligible for incentives higher than our own Benchmark status (excluding CDBG grants and loans) regardless of overall local program certification.

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